

BURKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

October 12, 2021

The Burke County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6:00 PM in the Courtroom at the Burke County Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terri Lodge Kelly. Commissioners Abrams, Nix, Martin and Lively, along with County Attorney Barry Fleming, and County Manager Merv Waldrop were also in attendance.

Manager Waldrop gave the invocation for the meeting and Commissioner Martin led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

Commissioner Nix motioned to adopt the agenda as presented and Commissioner Abrams seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Commissioner Nix then motioned to approve the minutes from September 14th, 15th, 29th, and October 6th, 2021. Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Rex Gerlinger addressed the Board regarding a laser light show the Downtown Development Authority is planning to display at the Christmas on Liberty event on December 3, 2021. The Authority is looking for pledges from local businesses and the community.

There were no submitted bids for Road Striping Paint materials.

Bids for EMA Headquarters Renovations were then opened. Bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
Pioneer General & Mechanical Contracting, LLC – Trenton SC	\$1,286,362.00
RCN Contracting – Augusta GA	\$ 749,289.00
DeRalco Inc – Augusta GA	\$ 978,136.00
BAK Builders – Statesboro GA	\$ 828,300.00

Bids for Cotton Warehouse Renovations were then opened. Bids were as follows:

BIDDER	BID AMOUNT
RCN Contracting – Augusta GA	\$2,702,056.00
Contract Management, Inc – Augusta GA	\$2,959,033.00
Cork-Howard Construction – Marietta GA	\$2,984,000.00
Continental Construction Co Inc – Evans GA	\$2,824,000.00
DeRalco Inc – Augusta GA	\$3,021,000.00
Milestone Construction – Augusta GA	\$2,669,000.00

All bids were deferred to the Finance Committee on Wednesday, October 13, 2021, at 5:30pm.

Manager Waldrop then addressed the Board regarding the County's ownership of property in Gough to develop a community park, deeded to the County from Malcolm Mobley's estate. Several deeds have been recorded through the years regarding Section 24, lots 11-16 and lots 3-8 in Gough and ownership is unclear. Commissioner Abrams suggested Gayle Mobley be contacted to review the property in question and upon clarification, quit claim deeds be drafted, signed, and recorded.

The Board then needed to designate a voting delegate for the ACCG Legislative Session at the Annal Meeting in November 2021. Commissioner Abrams motioned to designate Commissioner Terri Kelly as the voting delegate. Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Chad Parrish, Animal Services Director, addressed the Board requesting fees be waived for pet adoption events. Commissioner Lively motioned to allow adoption fees to be waived up to 6

events per year. Commissioner Abrams seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Chairman Kelly directed Mr. Parrish to inform the Board should additional events be needed.

The Board then needed to approve the opening of a new non-interest-bearing bank account for the Boxing Club CDBG project funds. Commissioner Martin motioned to open the bank account at First National Bank and Commissioner Nix seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board then considered a Resolution ending local supplements at the end of current office holders' tenure. Manager Waldrop suggested tabling this item as he believed more research needed to be conducted. Item tabled until the November 2021 meeting.

The Board then considered authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to B & M Equipment Repair in the amount of \$42,441.86 related to damage caused to an EMA tanker truck due to an accident. Commissioner Abrams motioned to approve issuing the purchase order in the amount of \$42,441.86 and Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Next, a purchase order amendment for MaesAwry Task Order #4, Property Acquisition Services was discussed. A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment needs completing per the FAA due to past fuel / chemical storage on the property. Costs will initially come from TSPLOST account and will seek reimbursement from DOT and FAA. Commissioner Nix motioned to approve amending the purchase order in the amount of \$10,600.00 with Commissioner Abrams seconding. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board then considered the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the County to apply for funding for Burke Transit from the 5311 Program for Rural Transit. The Resolution is a requirement from GDOT before applying for funding. Commissioner Nix motioned to adopt the Resolution authorizing the County to apply for \$158,133 in funding and to authorize Chairman Kelly to sign the application. Commissioner Martin seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Oliver Frazier then addressed the Board regarding his employment status at the Boxing Club and whether the Club would serve the community better if it separated from the Recreation Department. Chairman Kelly stated Manager Waldrop would compile information regarding the CDBG grant and arrange a meeting with Mr. Frazier to update him on current plans.

Commissioner Nix motioned to enter Executive Session at 6:37 pm to discuss a legal matter. Commissioner Martin seconded and motion carried unanimously.

After conclusion of their discussions, Mr. Nix moved to go back into regular session. Mr. Martin seconded the motion, and it was approved on a vote of 5 to 0. The County Attorney reported that the Board had discussed one legal matter and that no action was taken. Mr. Nix then made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign an executive session affidavit on behalf of the Board. Mr. Abrams gave the second and the motion passed with all in favor.

Being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Terri Lodge Kelly, Chairman

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Evans Martin, Vice-Chairman

Q. U. "Art" Lively

R. Tommy Nix

Merv Waldrop, Manager